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**November-
25 December**

Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam continues tour of African countries with official visits to **Seychelles, Uganda** and **Zimbabwe**. While in Seychelles, the Foreign Minister meets with President France Albert Rene. Korean Ambassador Chong Nam-ho and Callixte Francois d'Offay, Principal Secretary of Department of Planning and External Relations, sign foreign ministry cooperation agreement. Kim meets with Ugandan President Museveni and Prime Minister Kisekka and Zimbabwean Prime Minister Mugabe. Enroute to P'yongyang, he meets with **Soviet** Foreign Minister Shevardnadze. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 6 December 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 9 December 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 12 December 1987; Beijing Xinhua 12 December 1987; Harare Domestic Service 18

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	December 1987; KCNA 19 December 1987; Moscow TASS 23 December 1987; KCNA 25 December 1987) <div data-bbox="1172 352 1386 405" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 132px; height: 25px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
2 December	Vice Chairman of Central Committee of General Association of Korean Residents in Japan Pak Chae-no denounces South Korean leaders Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae Woo at Tokyo press conference for conducting "smear campaign" against North Korea in connection with missing KAL airliner . (KCNA 3 December 1987) <div data-bbox="813 604 1037 646" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 138px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
	South Korean Olympic Committee President Kim Chong Ha declares sports talks will be terminated if North Korea is found responsible for crash of KAL airliner . (Seoul <u>The Korea Times</u> 4 December 1987) <div data-bbox="927 766 1141 808" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 132px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
2-3 December	Premier Yi Kun-mo attends national conference of Activists in Forestry held in P'yongyang. (KCNA 4 December 1987) <div data-bbox="1333 898 1445 940" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 69px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
3 December	A Bulgarian Radio and Television delegation headed by Lyubomir Pavlov meets with Kim Il-song and brings gift for Kim Chong-il . Chairman of North Korean Radio and Television Broadcasting Committee Chairman Chu Hyon-ok and Pavlov sign 1987-89 cooperation protocol. (KCNA 3 December 1987) <div data-bbox="803 1150 1008 1192" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 126px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
4 December	P'yongyang media issues brief report on KAL airliner noting only its disappearance and the investigation of a Japanese man and woman as suspects. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 4 December 1987) <div data-bbox="963 1339 1198 1381" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 145px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
	Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Yi Song-tae and Vietnamese counterpart Dinh Phu Dinh sign 1988 trade and payments protocol in Hanoi. (Hanoi VNA 5 December 1987; KCNA 9 December 1987) <div data-bbox="800 1497 1018 1539" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 134px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1
4-8 December	A Cuban delegation headed by Foreign Trade Minister Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz holds talks with Foreign Trade Minister Ch'oe Chong-kun at 11th meeting of joint economic and scientific-technological committee. Cabrisas and delegation meet with Kim Il-song and sign 1988 agreement on trade and payments at conclusion of visit. (KCNA 4 December 1987; KCNA 7 December 1987; KCNA 8 December 1987) <div data-bbox="1252 1787 1414 1829" style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>	25X1

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5 December

Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) issues statement denouncing South Korea's leaders for conducting "smear campaign" in connection with the **KAL airliner** disappearance and adamantly denying any role in the incident. (KCNA 5 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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7 December

Representatives of North Korea and **Poland** sign 1988-90 scientific-technological agreement in P'yongyang. (KCNA 8 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Kim Il-song receives outgoing **Indonesian** Ambassador Tjokrohartono for farewell visit. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 7 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Vice President Yi Chong-ok meets with newly appointed **Chinese** Ambassador Wen Yezhan. (KCNA 8 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Bahrain agrees to extradite KAL crash suspect and body of her companion to South Korea. [REDACTED]

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Kim Il-song, accompanied by Premier Yi Kun-mo and KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop, visits the Academy of Chucho Science. (KCNA 10 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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8-11 December

P'yongyang hosts executive committee meeting of World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY), attended by over 50 delegations and organizations.¹ KWP Secretary Kye Ung-t'ae attends opening session. **Kim Il-song** meets with WFDY President Walid Masri and General Secretary Cserveny Vilmos and delivers speech at banquet to honor delegates. (KCNA 7 December 1987; KCNA 8 December 1987; KCNA 9 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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¹ Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, The Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, East Germany, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Mexico, Nicaragua, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Sierra Leone, South Yemen, Soviet Union, Spain, The Sudan, Sri Lanka, Uruguay, Vietnam, West Germany, and Zambia are among the countries present.

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9 December

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Kang Sok-chu meets with newly appointed **Soviet** Ambassador Gennadiy Bartoshevich, who arrived in P'yongyang on 7 December. (KCNA 7 December 1987; KCNA 11 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Soviet TU-16-J "Badger" electronic reconnaissance plane lands at Sunan Airfield, near P'yongyang, after violating airspace over Okinawa. (Tokyo Jiji 16 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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9-11 December

Kim Su-man, Secretary General of Korea-Japan Friendship Association, conducts private fishery talks with **Japanese** counterpart group in Tokyo. Resulting agreement allows **Japanese** fishing boats to operate within North Korea's 200-mile zone. (Tokyo Kyodo 8 December 1987; Tokyo Kyodo 11 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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10 December

Korean Ambassador to **Hungary** An Min-su and Secretary for Ministry of Health Hutasa Imre sign 1987-90 public health and medical science cooperation agreement in Budapest. (KCNA 17 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Pyon Song-tok, Deputy Chairman of Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, and **Romanian** Charge d'Affaires Aureliu Ion Lazar sign 1987-90 cultural cooperation plan in P'yongyang. (KCNA 11 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Foreign Ministry statement on **US-Soviet** INF Treaty calls for removal of nuclear weapons on Korean peninsula. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 10 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Chon Kum-chol, Director of Secretariat of Committee for Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland, states at press conference North Korea will not intervene in South Korean elections. (Beijing Xinhua 10 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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10-18 December

Deputy Premier Kim Pok-sin heads delegation to **Bulgaria** to attend joint meeting of intergovernment economic and scientific-technological committee. Kim signs agreement on joint production of I.C.E. trucks and machine tools and meets with Bulgarian leader Zhivkov and External Economic Minister Andrey Lukanov. During Moscow stopover, Kim meets with Deputy Chairman of **Soviet** Council of Ministers A. K. Antonov for talks on economic issues. (KCNA 10 December 1987; Sofia BTA 15 December 1987; KCNA 17 December 1987; KCNA 18

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December 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 17 December 1987) [redacted] 25X1

11-18 December Delegation of **Chinese** People's Army, headed by Shenyang Military Area Commander Lui Jingsong, visits P'yongyang; meets with Chief of Staff O Kuk-yol, Defense Minister O Chin-u, and **Kim Il-song**. At conclusion of visit, O Kuk-yol presents awards and medals to members of delegation. (Beijing Xinhua 11 December 1987; Beijing Xinhua Domestic Service in Chinese 14 December 1987; Beijing Xinhua 15 December 1987; KCNA 18 December 1987) [redacted] 25X1

12 December President **Kim Il-song** receives credentials from newly appointed **Soviet** Ambassador Gennadiy Bartoshevich, who conveys personal letter to Kim from General Secretary Gorbachev. (KCNA 12 December 1987) [redacted] 25X1

12-25 December KWP Secretary Kye Ung-t'ae heads Party delegation to **Poland** and **Czechoslovakia**. Kye meets with Czech Party Secretary Jindrich Polednik. (KCNA 12 December 1987; Prague CTK 21 December 1987) [redacted] 25X1

12-18 December KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop becomes highest ranking North Korean official to visit **Japan** when he attends a four-day international academic seminar in Tokyo at the United Nations University. South Korean Ambassador to Japan expresses regret to Prime Minister Takeshita. (Seoul Yonhap 14 December 1987; Seoul The Korea Times 15 December 1987; KCNA 18 December 1987) [redacted] 25X1

14 December P'yongyang announces the demobilization of 100,000 troops as scheduled in proposal made on 23 July. (KCNA 14 December 1987) [redacted] 25X1

15 December "Mayumi Hachiya," suspect in **KAL** airliner disappearance, and body of her companion arrive in Seoul. (Seoul Yonhap 15 December 1987) [redacted] 25X1

17 December North Korea circulates KPA communique on demobilization as official document of the United Nations Security Council. (KCNA 19 December 1987) [redacted] 25X1

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18-21 December

Deputy Foreign Minister of **Soviet Union** Igor Rogachev visits P'yongyang as special envoy of Soviet leader Gorbachev and briefs **Kim Il-song**, KWP Secretary Ho Tam, and Deputy Foreign Minister Kang Sok-chu on the **US-Soviet** INF Treaty. Rogachev holds talks with Deputy Foreign Minister Yi In-kyu. **Kim Il-song** and **Kim Chong-il** both receive gifts. Rogachev concludes visit with tour of construction sites on Kwangbok Street. (Beijing Xinhua Domestic Service in Chinese 16 December 1987; KCNA 18 December 1987; Moscow TASS International Service in Russian 19 December 1987; KCNA 21 December 1987; Moscow Izvestiya in Russian 21 December 1987) []

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20-21 December

KWP Secretary Kang Song-san, accompanied by Vice Premier Hong Song-nam, KWP Department Director Kim Si-hak, and Public Security Minister Paek Hak-nim, attends national meeting of motor vehicle sector. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 21 December 1987) []

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21 December

KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop meets with recently appointed **Soviet** Ambassador Bartoshevich. (KCNA 21 December 1987) []

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Hungary becomes first eastern Europe country to announce its decision to attend **1988 Seoul Olympics**; breaks with East Bloc by declaring itself before 17 January deadline. (Budapest MTI 21 December 1987; Paris AFP 21 December 1987) []

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East Germany confirms participation in **1988 Seoul Olympics**. (East Berlin ADN International Service in German 21 December 1987) []

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Chief Secretary of P'yongyang City Party Committee Kang Hui-won heads group of officials² at report meeting marking 10th anniversary of publication of work by **Kim Il-song**: "Let Us Smash the Two Koreas Plot and More Vigorously Wage the Struggle to Reunify the Country." (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 21 December 1987) []

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² Chong Sin-hyok, Ch'oe Tok-sin, Kim Yong-chun, Chon Kum-chol, Kim Pong-chu, Pak Su-tong, and Yi Tok-yop.

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22 December

Premier Yi Kun-mo reads KWP congratulatory message at opening ceremony for new rail sections--covering 100 miles between Hyesan-Huju and Unbong-Chason--the first stage of the northern railway project; KWP Secretaries Yon Hyong-muk and Ho Chong-suk are also present. Comment: This project, first publicized in the early 1970s, has been under intensive development since 1984. There is still a 100 kilometer gap over rugged terrain between Chason and Huju. (KCNA 23 December 1987)

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23 December

KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop meets with Party delegation from **Benin**, headed by Francois Azodogbehou, First Deputy Director of the Agriculture and Industrial Department. (KCNA 23 December 1987)

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Festivities marking 70th anniversary of birth of **Kim Chong-il's** natural mother, Kim Chong-suk, include Nodong Sinmun editorial on her career as revolutionary fighter and a report meeting attended by Yi Kun-mo, Yim Ch'un-ch'u, Ho Tam, Yon Hyong-muk, and Kang Song-san.³ O Kuk-yol delivers report. (KCNA 23 December 1987; P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 23 December 1987)

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24 December

Nampo court finds **Japanese** crew of Fujisan-maru No. 18, arrested in 1983, guilty of espionage and sentences them to 15 years labor. (KCNA 24 December 1987)

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26 December

A **Chinese**-Korean joint venture--the P'yongyang Cold Noodle House of Beijing--opens in Beijing. (KCNA 29 December 1987)

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KWP Secretary Kye Ung-t'ae delivers report at meeting in P'yongyang held to mark 15th anniversary of North Korea's Constitution; top leaders⁴ appear on rostrum. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 26 December 1987)

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³ Other top leaders attending the meeting include Chon Pyong-ho, Kim Pok-sin, Hyon Mu-kwang, Kang Hui-won, Chong Chun-ki, Hwang Chang-yop, Ho Chong-suk, So Kwan-hui, Kim Yun-hyok, and Yun Ki-pok.

⁴ Yi Kun-mo, Kim Yong-nam, Ho Tam, Yon Hyong-muk, O Kuk-yol, Hong Song-nam, Kye Ung-t'ae, Chon Pyong-ho, Kim Pok-sin, Hyon Mu-kwang, Kang Hui-won, Hwang Chang-yop, Ho Chong-suk, So Kwan-hui, Kim Yun-hyok, Yun Ki-pok, Chi Chang-ik, Yang Hyong-sop, Chong Sin-hyok, and Ch'oe Tok-sin.

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28 December

Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam meets with new ambassadors from **Soviet Union, China, and Afghanistan.** (KCNA 28 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam and Deputy Premier Kim Pok-sin join members of diplomatic corps at concert performance by Mansudae Art Troupe. (KCNA 29 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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At meeting at the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, builders of Metal Plant Construction Complex No. 2 resolve to complete the second stage expansion project quickly. (KCNA 29 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Defense Minister O Chin-u meets with recently appointed **Soviet** Ambassador Bartoshevich. (KCNA 28 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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North Korean Ambassador to **Benin** An Ki-pok and Information Minister Tairu Mamadou Tanuga sign cooperation agreement between ministries of information and telecommunication in Cotonou. (KCNA 5 January 1988) [REDACTED]

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Deputy Premier Hong Song-nam speaks at **Romanian** Embassy party marking 40th anniversary of Romanian republic. (KCNA 30 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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Kim Il-song receives credentials from recently appointed Ambassador from **Afghanistan** Mohammad Ayan Ayan. (KCNA 29 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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30 December

Chairman of SPA Standing Committee Yang Hyong-sop delivers report at meeting marking first anniversary of publication of work by **Kim Il-song**: "For the Complete Victory of Socialism." Other top officials present include Vice President Pak Song-ch'ol and KWP Secretary Kye Ung-t'ae. (KCNA 31 December 1987) [REDACTED]

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31 December

Diplomatic corps of P'yongyang pays yearly New Year courtesy call on **Kim Il-song**, who is joined for first time by **Kim Chong-il**. Defense Minister O Chin-u, Premier Yi Kun-mo, Vice Presidents Pak Song-ch'ol, Yim Ch'un-ch'u, and Yi Chong-ok, Foreign Minister Kim Yong-nam, KWP Secretaries Ho Tam, Yon Hyong-muk, and Kang Song-san,

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Vice Premier Hong Song-nam, and KWP Secretary Hwang Chang-yop are also present. (KCNA 31 December 1987)

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Kim Il-song meets with art troupe of Korean school children from **Japan**. (KCNA 2 January 1988)

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Kim Il-song, accompanied by O Chin-u and other top leaders,⁵ attends children's meeting marking the New Year. (P'yongyang Domestic Service in Korean 31 December 1987)

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<u>Key Appearances*</u>		
<u>Leaders</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>1987</u>
Kim Il-song	7	108
Kim Chong-il	1	16
O Chin-u	3	13
<u>Competition for Diplomatic Recognition</u>		
		<u>Total Countries</u>
North Korea	Unchanged	103
South Korea	Unchanged	126

* Number of days these North Korean leaders appear in public according to press.

⁵ Yi Kun-mo, Pak Song-ch'ol, Yim Ch'un-ch'u, Yi Chong-ok, So Ch'ol, Kim Yong-nam, Ho Tam, Yon Hyong-muk, Kang Song-san, O Kuk-yol, Hong Song-nam, Kye Ung-t'ae, Chon Pyong-ho, Kim Pok-sin, Ch'oe Kwang, Hyon Mu-kwang, Kang Hui-won, Chong Chun-ki, Hwang Chang-yop, Ho Chong-suk, So Kwan-hui, Ch'oe T'ae-pok, Kim Ch'ang-chu, Kim Yun-hyok, Yun Ki-pok, and Ch'oe Tok-sin.

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LOOKING AHEAD

14 January	28th anniversary of activation of Workers/Farmers Red Guard Unit. [REDACTED]	25X1
17 January	41st anniversary of founding of League of Socialist Working Youth (LSWYK). [REDACTED]	25X1
17 January	Deadline to respond to invitations to 1988 Seoul Olympics . [REDACTED]	25X1
16 February	46th birthday of Kim Chong-il . [REDACTED]	25X1
15 April	76th birthday of Kim Il-song . [REDACTED]	25X1
6 July	27th anniversary of signing of Soviet -Korean Friendship Treaty. [REDACTED]	25X1
11 July	27th anniversary of signing of Chinese -Korean Friendship Treaty. [REDACTED]	25X1
15 August	43rd anniversary of National Liberation. [REDACTED]	25X1
9 September	North Korean National Day--40th anniversary of founding of North Korean government. [REDACTED]	25X1
17 September 1988	The 1988 Olympic Games open. [REDACTED]	25X1

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